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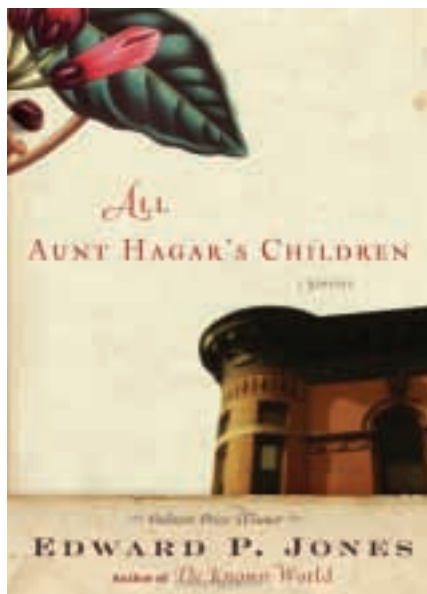
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Pulitzer Prize winner Edward P. Jones at the Center

Village residents will have a rare chance to hear one of America's foremost writers read from his work at the Center this month. Edward P. Jones, described as "one of the most important writers of the present day" by the Post's Jonathan Yardley, will read from *All Aunt Hagar's Children* on Monday, **April 23, at 7:30 p.m.**

Mr. Jones was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2004 for his first novel, *The Known World*. *All Aunt Hagar's Children* is a collection of 14 short stories about African Americans in Washington, D.C. It was chosen as one of the *New York Times's* notable books of the year and one of the Post Book World's Ten Best of the Year.

Mr. Jones was a recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship in 2004. His first collection of short stories, *Lost in the City*, won the PEN/Hemingway Award and was short-listed for the National Book Award.

Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797. Copies of the book, provided by Politics and Prose Bookstore, will be available for purchase.

Community Day welcomes Lia's— The New Kid On the Block

Welcome the newest kid on the block on **April 13**, as the Village of Friendship Heights celebrates Community Day with Lia's and Chef Geoff Tracy. Our 21st anniversary of the opening of the Village Center will feature a light fare highlighting specialties from our newest neighborhood restaurant Lia's. In addition to sampling great food, Village residents are invited to a cooking demonstration by Chef Geoff himself. The fun begins at 6:30 and continues until 8 p.m. Please join us for a celebration of our community.

The other Walter Reed: broken promises uncovered

Dana Priest, Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post* reporter whose series of articles on the scandalous conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center led to the firing of a



top general and the resignations of the Secretary of the Army, and the Army's Surgeon General, will speak at the Village Center on **Monday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m.** The series, written with Anne Hull, exposed the existence of mold, mice and rust in outpatient facilities and described the deteriorating conditions for wounded soldiers and veterans.

Ms. Priest covers the intelligence community and national security issues for *The Washington Post* and is an analyst for NBC News. In her 20 years at the Post, she has written extensively on the CIA's covert counterterrorism operations around the world, the agency's secret detention practices and the intelligence lapses involving the Sept. 11 plot and the failure of pre-war intelligence in Iraq.

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Special lunch is back!

A spring luncheon will be held on **Friday, April 27, at 12:15 p.m.** Prepared by Exec. Chef Barry Bowser and his staff at Brighton Gardens, the menu will be roast chicken, broccoli, corn, Caesar salad, and, chocolate cake for dessert. The cost is \$10, which must be paid when you make your reservation. Please reserve your seat by Wednesday, April 25, at noon. "Cabaret Capers" will follow at 1 p.m. (see below for details).

It's a cabaret!

Join us **Friday, April 27, at 1 p.m.** for "Cabaret Capers." Lucille Frohling, Jerry Carroll and Tom Vogt entertain with a cabaret act consisting of songs by George Gershwin, Cole Porter, and Rodgers & Hart. In addition to Broadway show tunes and Tin Pan Alley hits, they perform comedy interludes inspired by Noel Coward and Dorothy Parker.

Call 301-656-2797 to reserve a seat at this fun event. Make the afternoon even more special by joining us for lunch before the entertainment.

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In 2006 she received a number of awards including The Pulitzer Prize for Beat Reporting for her reporting on CIA secret prisons and counterterrorism operations overseas. In 2004, she was a Pulitzer Prize finalist twice, for her reporting on clandestine intelligence, and for her contribution to the Post's reporting on the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal.

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Placido Domingo will conduct the world-class Washington National Opera Orchestra and its principal singers in an evening of opera highlights at the Music Center at Strathmore on **Thursday, May 31**. And we have great seats for this unforgettable evening!

The program will include arias, duets, and ensembles from *Don Pasquale*, *The Barber of Seville*, *Il Trovatore*, *Rigoletto* among others.

We will depart from the Village Center at 7:15 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$83, which includes a seat in the Orchestra Tier, transportation, and driver gratuity. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up April 21. There are 24 tickets available. The Washington National Opera has earned the unofficial title "national treasure" in five decades of spectacular performances. Come see why!



Tea and the National Arboretum

Discover one of Washington's outdoor treasures when

we visit the U.S. National Arboretum and then enjoy afternoon tea at the Henley Park Hotel on **Wednesday, April 25**. In late April, the azaleas, flowering dogwood and magnolias create a blaze of color in this 446-acre oasis in Northeast Washington. At any time of year, the 22 original Corinthian columns from the U.S. Capitol are spectacular. In addition to many varieties of trees and shrubs, the arboretum features aquatic plantings, oriental plants, the National Bonsai Collection and the National Herb Garden. During our 35-minute open-air tram, you'll learn about the U.S. National Arboretum's gardens, collections and natural areas.

After our tram tour, you'll have the opportunity to explore the National Herb Garden, the Bonsai Collection and the arboretum's gift shop.

Our afternoon continues with tea at the beautiful Henley Park Hotel. Our scrumptious menu includes finger sandwiches, dried fruit scones with sweet butter, preserves and Devonshire cream, tea cookies and truffles, and your choice of tea, of course.

We will depart from the Center at 12:15 p.m. and should return by 5:45. The cost of the trip is \$48, which includes transportation, tram tour, tea and all gratuities.

Sign ups for residents and one guest begin immediately at the Village Center. Nonresidents may sign up beginning April 9. There are 29 spaces available.



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A few spaces remain for our trip to Cape May **Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 23**. During this two-day trip, take a trolley ride through the town that evokes a bygone era with its beautifully restored Victorian homes, stay in an elegant historic hotel, lunch in a 19-century plantation house and visit the Emlen Physick Estate. In the evening you may try your luck at an Atlantic City casino or enjoy the view from our beachfront hotel. While in Cape May, you'll also have time to enjoy the beach or take in a little shopping. Before we leave, we'll tour some of the sites that were significant in the New Jersey's World War II coastal defense.

We'll depart from the Village Center Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. and arrive in Cape May in time for lunch at the Washington Inn. The luncheon menu includes house salad, choice of seafood or chicken for an entree, and a chef's selection of desserts. Following lunch, we'll tour the historic district of Cape May by trolley.

We'll visit the Emlen Physick Estate, a 18-room mansion designed by renowned architect Frank Furness. Built in 1879, it's considered by some to be one of the finest examples of Victorian "Stick Style" architecture in America. Next we'll check into our home for the evening, Congress Hall, a 19th-century Cape May landmark that served as

the Summer White House for several U.S. presidents. This grand beachfront hotel, built in 1816, has undergone an impressive \$25 million overhaul that returned it to its original grandeur. Today, the hotel's common areas and 109 guest rooms and suites boast custom furnishings and modern upgrades combined with old-fashioned ambience and hospitality. That evening you're free to enjoy the sights of Cape May or to gamble in Atlantic City.

The following morning we'll relax over breakfast at the hotel, then you'll have the morning free to roam the beach or explore the nearby specialty shops.

That afternoon we'll enjoy a gourmet lunch at the Ebbitt Room in the Virginia Hotel. The menu includes a choice of calamari with lime ginger aioli, heirloom tomato and goat cheese salad or beef carpaccio for a starter; a choice of potato crusted flounder with creamed spinach, or sage and onion crusted chicken breast with fingerling potatoes and haricot verts or grilled hangar steak sandwich, balsamic onions, tomato confit, blue cheese and pomme frites for an entree.

For dessert, choose sticky toffee pudding and vanilla bean ice cream, vanilla-scented berries with lemon cream and fruit coulis, or home-made ice cream or sorbet.

The visit to Cape May continues as we take a special

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Bamberger Series presents David Saperstein

Rabbi David Saperstein will lecture on "Faith, Politics and the Great Moral Issues of our Day" at the Village Center on **Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m.**

Rabbi Saperstein is the Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Called the "quintessential religious lobbyist on Capitol Hill," he represents the national Reform Jewish Movement to Congress and the Administration. Rabbi Saperstein co-chairs the Coalition to Preserve Religious Liberty, comprised of over 50 national religious denominations and educational organizations, and serves on the boards of numerous national organizations including the NAACP and People For the American Way.

Rabbi Saperstein is also an attorney and teaches seminars on both First Amendment Church-State Law and on Jewish Law at Georgetown University Law School. A prolific writer and speaker, Rabbi Saperstein has appeared on a number of television news and talk shows including Nightline, Oprah, Lehrer News Hour and ABC's Sunday Morning. His articles have appeared in The Washington Post, The New York Times, and The Harvard Law Review. Please call 301-656-2797 to reserve a seat.

The James River: where America began

On the eve of the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown, Bob Deans, longtime White House correspondent and now national correspondent for Cox Newspapers, will discuss the essential role of the James River in the shaping of modern America at the Village Center on **Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m.**

In his book, *The River Where America Began*, he describes the country's birth along the James River that was home to Native Americans for fifteen thousand years before the Europeans arrived.

The James River, which runs for 340 miles through the heart of Virginia, is the most historic waterway in America. The first permanent English settlement in America, Jamestown, was founded on its banks. The first sustained clash between English and Native American people; the first democratic body in the Western Hemisphere; the first African slaves in English America - all happened on the James River before the Pilgrims ever arrived in Plymouth.

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Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.

— **Blood Diamond.** Set against the backdrop of civil war and chaos in 1990s Sierra Leone, 'Blood Diamond' is the story of Danny Archer, a South African mercenary, and Solomon Vandy, a Mende fisherman. Both men are African, but their histories as different as any can be, until their fates become joined in a common quest to recover a rare pink diamond that can transform their lives. While in prison for smuggling, Archer learns that Solomon—who was taken from his family and forced to work in the diamond fields—has found and hidden the extraordinary rough stone. With the help of Maddy Bowen, an American journalist whose idealism is tempered by a deepening connection with Archer, the two men embark on a trek through rebel territory—a journey that could save Solomon's family and give Archer the second chance he thought he would never have. Stars Leonardo Di Caprio, Djimon Hounsou, and Jennifer Connelly. Rated R for intense emotional content, violent scenes and language. Running Time: 138 minutes.



you least expect it to though, and twenty-five years later Max is now a prosperous money man wheeling and dealing in the cutthroat world of London business. When Max learns that Henry has recently passed away and that he has been named the sole beneficiary of his late uncle's modest estate, the keen businessman hastily arranges a flight to France in order to assess the value of the old property and get it prepped for sale. After Max arrives to find the vineyard in a crumbling state of disrepair, his troubles are further compounded by the stubbornness of gruff estate winemaker M. Duflo and the unexpected arrival of a determined California beauty named Christie who presents herself as a long-lost cousin while making a dubious claim to Henry's estate. Stars Russell Crowe, Albert Finney and Abbie Cornish. Rated PG- 13. Running Time: 118 minutes..

Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. — Booksigning with Bob Deans: The River Where America began. see page 5 for details.

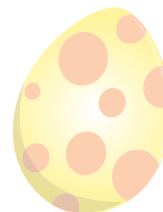
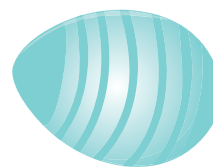
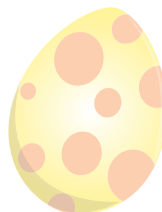
Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. — David Saperstein Lecture. see page 5 for details.

Thursday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

— **A Good Year.** Gladiator duo Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe re-team for this adaptation of author Peter Mayle's best-selling novel about a London-based investment banker who relocates to Provence in hopes of selling a small vineyard he has inherited from his recently-deceased uncle. As a child, Max Skinner was taught to appreciate the finer things in life while wandering the vineyard estate of his sophisticated uncle Henry. Life has a strange way of turning out how



A VHS tape of the Lee and Bob Woodruff event on March 13 is available to borrow at the Center's front desk.



FRIENDSHIP GALLERY

The dolls return to the Center!

The very creative works of the G Street Doll Club will be on display in the Friendship Gallery during the month of April. The work of the G Street Doll Artists is nationally known and always a hit at the Village Center. These dolls are very sophisticated works of art and all are delightful.

The show runs from April 2 through April 30. All are invited to meet the artists at a reception on **Sunday, April 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** At 12:30 p.m., club president Carolyn Moore will give a brief talk about the dolls and the history of the G Street Doll Club. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday,

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Art work in the auditorium is occasionally not available for viewing because of certain activities in that room. Please check with the front desk receptionist when you arrive.



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NEW CLASSES

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This 4-week series begins May 9. Meets Wednesdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Do not eat for one hour before class, wear comfortable clothing but no heavy jewelry or perfume. The cost is \$40. Class ends May 30.

CONTINUING SPANISH 2

This 8-week course begins May 1. Time will be spent in review, so new students are welcome to this class. Instructor Elena Marra-Lopez has taught teenagers and adults at Sidwell Friends School, Washington International School, Montgomery College, and the USDA Graduate School. The class meets Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$180 for residents and \$200 for non-residents. Session ends June 19.

DRAWING AND PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Doris Haskell, begins April 2. Meets Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Session ends June 11 (no class May 28). Maximum number of students is 18.

MAT PILATES

A 6-week session begins May 1. Meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$70 for residents and \$80 for nonresidents. This class is not recommended for pregnant women or those with serious spinal conditions. Instructor Ginger Russell has been certified in Pilates Matwork Exercises by the PhysicalMind Institute and Powerhouse Pilates.

Pilates tones the body from “the inside out” by teaching students to use smaller postural muscles for strength, flexibility and balance. The Magic Ring or Circle, adds additional sculpting and toning to these movements (the exercises in this class may be done without the prop if you choose not to purchase it). Required equipment: Pilates/Yoga mat, large bath towel. Optional equipment: Pilates Magic Ring or Circle (Target, Amazon.com, Borders Books, and Wal-Mart carry it). Questions? E-mail – Ginggerrusteach@yahoo.com. Session ends June 5. Maximum number of students is 15.

PORTRAITURE IN PENCIL AND PASTEL

This 6-week class, taught by award-winning artist and photographer Marianne Winter, begins April 11. Meets Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Students will concentrate on achieving likeness using photos or reproductions of artwork. Please bring a pad and pencil or pastel to the first class. Some previous experience in drawing is necessary. The cost is \$65. (Maximum number of students is 8). Session ends May 16.

STILL LIFE PAINTING

A 12-week course with noted artist Joan Samworth begins April 5. Class emphasizes the elements of art: line, color, texture, shape and value and is designed to meet the needs of all levels of experience. Advance at your own pace with individual critiques and instruction. Suggested media are pastels, watercolor, acrylics, color pencil.

Supply list will be handed out first day of class. Meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (you may bring lunch – brown bag only). The cost is \$165 for residents; \$170 for nonresidents. Last class is June 21.

TAI CHI (THURSDAY)

This 6-week session begins May 3. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Session ends June 7. Feel free to email instructor Thomas Johnson at Taijitaj@comcast.net if you have any questions about this class.

TAI CHI (TUESDAY)

This 6-week session begins May 15. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Session ends June 19. Feel free to email instructor Thomas Johnson at Taijitaj@comcast.net if you have any questions about this class.

YOGA (DAYTIME)

This 6-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and begins April 15. Meets Sundays from 9 to 10:20 a.m. The session includes semi-strenuous postures, stretches, and coordinated breathing, as well as a quiet period for relaxation and meditation. Wear loose clothing, bring a blanket or large towel and mat (can be purchased at class). Don't eat for 2 hours before class. The cost is \$60 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. Class will meet April 15, 29, May 13, 20, June 3 and 17. (Students who must miss a class may make it up in the Monday class with the instructor's permission).



YOGA (EVENING)

This 6-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and begins April 16. Meets Mondays from 7:30 to 8:50 p.m. See description above. The cost is \$60 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. Last class is June 4 (No class May 14 or 28). Students who must miss a class may make it up in the Sunday class.

CLASSES THROUGH OASIS

Registration for OASIS classes is by mail only. You may pick up a catalog at the Center front desk. There is no membership fee, but a \$15 processing fee will be charged to each registrant once a semester. You can join OASIS by completing the form in the catalog. OASIS is open to anyone 50 years of age and older.

RESISTANCE TRAINING FOR SENIORS

This 8-week session taught by Matt Rundell, begins April 2. Meets Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$64. Participants move through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength and endurance, range of motion and balance. Hand-held

weights are used in a fun, safe and educational environment. Please bring mat to class. Last class is May 21.

FLEXIBLE STRETCH AND STRENGTH

This 8-week session taught by Matt Rundell, begins April 2. Meets Mondays from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. The cost is \$64. In this class you will be taught safe and dynamic combinations of physical postures, partner stretching, and core work. This class is designed to increase your flexibility, improve your posture, and increase your core strength. The class will incorporate yoga stretches for relaxation. Bring mat to class. Last class is May 21.

ART CLASS WITH JOAN

This 6-week session with Joan Samworth begins April 4. Meets Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$70. This widely popular art class is sure to stir your creative juices. The emphasis of this class will be on concept and composition. The subject matter will be supplied by the instructor. Various media (pens, pastels, watercolors, acrylics, colored pencils) may be used and are definitely encouraged (Please NO oils.) Supplies are to be furnished by each individual. Instructor welcomes new students to the class. Last class is May 9.

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Free live music is presented every Wednesday throughout the year at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar and concert page for each week's performance information. No registration is required. All are welcome.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Coffee and Sunday Papers	2 9:15 a.m.: Fit-4-Ever 10 a.m.: Great Books 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Tai Chi 11:30 a.m.: Resistance Training 12:45 p.m.: Flexible Stretch and Strength 1 p.m.: Bridge Group 2:30: Drawing and Painting	3 8:15 a.m.: Walking Club 9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi 1 – 2:45 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screening 3 – 4 p.m.: Tea 3 – 5 p.m.: Suburban Nurse Specialist 7 p.m.: Mat Pilates	4 9:15 a.m.: Fit-4-Ever 10:15 a.m.: Yiddish 11 a.m.: Art with Joan 1 p.m.: Portraiture in Pencil and Pastel 7:30 p.m.: Concert: Friday Morning Music Club	5 8:15 a.m.: Walking Club 9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi 11 a.m.: Still Life Painting 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Village Playtime 1 p.m.: Chinese Brush 5:30 p.m.: Bones for Life 6 p.m.: Scrabble 6:45 p.m.: Acrylic or Oil Painting 7 p.m.: Movie: Blood Diamond	6 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.: AARP Tax Assistance 10:30 a.m.: Coffee and Current Events 1 p.m.: Bridge Group 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: AARP Tax Assistance	7 8:15 a.m.: Walking Club
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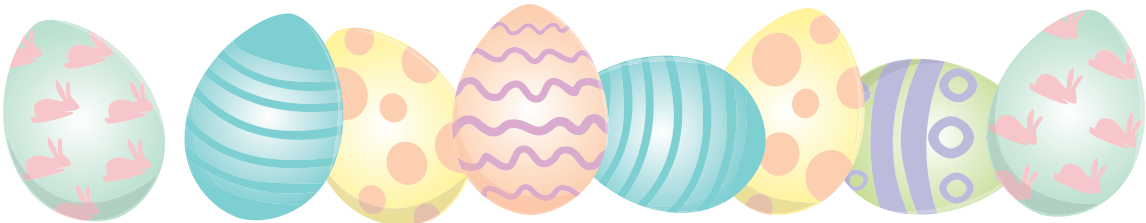
Village Center Hours

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Friendship Heights Village Center is open to everyone. People who live or work in the Village are especially welcome.



More than 400 people turned out at the Village Center to hear former ABC co-anchor Bob Woodruff and his wife, Lee, talk about their experiences following his near-fatal injury from an improvised explosive device while covering the war in Iraq. Thanks to WJLA TV, which provided monitors, we were able to accommodate an overflow crowd in a classroom and on the portico. The Woodruffs also signed copies of their book, *In An Instant: A Family’s Journey of Love and Healing*.



CONCERTS

Concerts are performed Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Huntley Hall. Before entering the auditorium, please turn off any cell phones or electronic devices. If you arrive after the concert has begun, please wait for a break in the performance before entering.

Wednesday, April 4 —Young Artists from the Friday Morning Music Club. Three young performers from the Friday Morning Music Club present an evening of classical music from Beethoven, Mozart and Bach. Erin Phelps is a home-schooled junior from Frederick, Maryland, and a violin student of Ronda Cole. She has been playing violin since age six. Among the competitions she has won are the Virginia Music Teachers Concerto Competition, the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition, the Washington Music Teachers Association Gretchen Hood Strings Competition and the Frederick Orchestra Concerto Competition.

Jesse Wong is 17 years old and a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Va. He began piano lessons at the age of five, and has studied with Nancy O'Neill Breth since 1990. In October 2005, he won the National Symphony

Orchestra's Young Soloist' Concerto Competition.

Dami Kim was 17 when she won second place at the Johansen International Competition for Strings for Young String Players ages 13-17 in March 2006. At age 18, she is currently in her fifth year at the Curtis Institute where she studies with Aaron Rosand. Dami Kim won the Philadelphia Orchestra Greenfield Competition in 2004 and performed with the orchestra at the Kimmel Center in 2005.

Wednesday, April 11 — Les Amis de Mozart. Sheila Grimes returns to the Friendship Heights Village Center with Les Amis de Mozart for an evening of opera.

Wednesday, April 18 — Guity Adjoodani. Pianist Guity Adjoodani presents a recital featuring works by Beethoven, Chopin, Rohani, De Stepani, and Vafadar. She began playing the piano at the age of 5 in her native Iran, before coming to Washington, D.C., where she continued her studies with Hertha Aldama and Marie Von Unschuld. She holds a master's degree in music and an artist in performance from the Boston and New England Conservatories respectively. Ms. Adjoodani has been performed at the Renwick Gallery, George Washington University's Marvin Theatre, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and on broadcasts on WGMS and Voice of America.



Wednesday, April 25 — John Touchton and Virginia Lum, Duo-Pianists. John Touchton, pianist, holds degrees from Baylor University, the College-Conservatory of Cincinnati, and the University of Michigan. Virginia Lum, a Julliard graduate, made her debut with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra at age eight, and appeared as soloist with the St. Louis, Baltimore, Honolulu, Westchester, and Alexandria symphonies. The evening's program includes works by Mozart, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and Milhaud.



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There is no cost for the talk, but please call 301-656-2797 to let us know if you plan to attend.

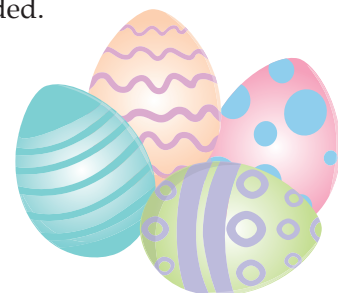


You and your retina exam: what to expect

Join Janet Morrison from the Prevention of Blindness Society and guest speaker Rob Frantz, Chief Ophthalmic Technician of the Retina Group in Chevy Chase, for the next meeting of Low Vision Lunch and Learn on **Tuesday, April 17, at 12:30 p.m.**

Learn how the retina exam differs from your regular ophthalmology visit. Learn specifically about the different tests and techniques that may be used, and how to prepare yourself for the visit. Bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

This program is a partnership of the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington and the Village of Friendship Heights. Please call 301-656-2797 to register.



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Cafe Muse presents...

This month's Café Muse, on **Monday, April 9, at 7 p.m.**, presents poets Jason Gray and John Surowiecki.

Jason Gray is the author of *How to Paint the Savior Dead*, winner of the Wick Chapbook Award, and *Adam & Eve Go to the Zoo*. His poems have appeared in *Poetry*, *The Kenyon Review*, *The Threepenny Review*, and elsewhere. He has been awarded an Individual Artist Award from the Maryland State Arts Council and a Tennessee Williams Scholarship from the Sewanee Writers Conference.

John Surowiecki is the author of *The Hat City after Men Stopped Wearing Hats*, winner of The 2006 Word Works Washington Prize, and *Watching Cartoons before Attending a Funeral*. His work has appeared in *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Gargoyle*, *Poetry*, *West Branch* and elsewhere. He has published five chapbooks and was awarded the Pablo Neruda Prize sponsored by *Nimrod* and a poetry fellowship from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.

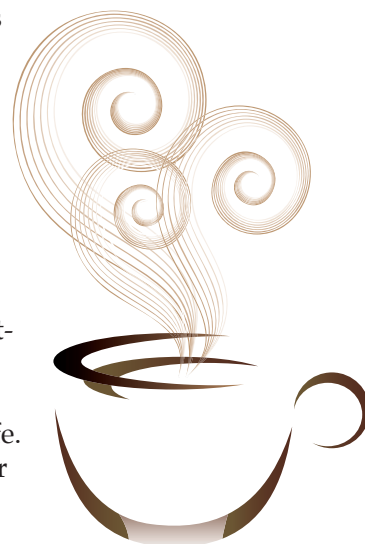
Classical guitar selections performed by Michael Davis are presented each month at 7 p.m. Attending poets are invited to participate in an open reading that concludes the Café Muse program. A sign-up sheet will be available at 7 p.m.

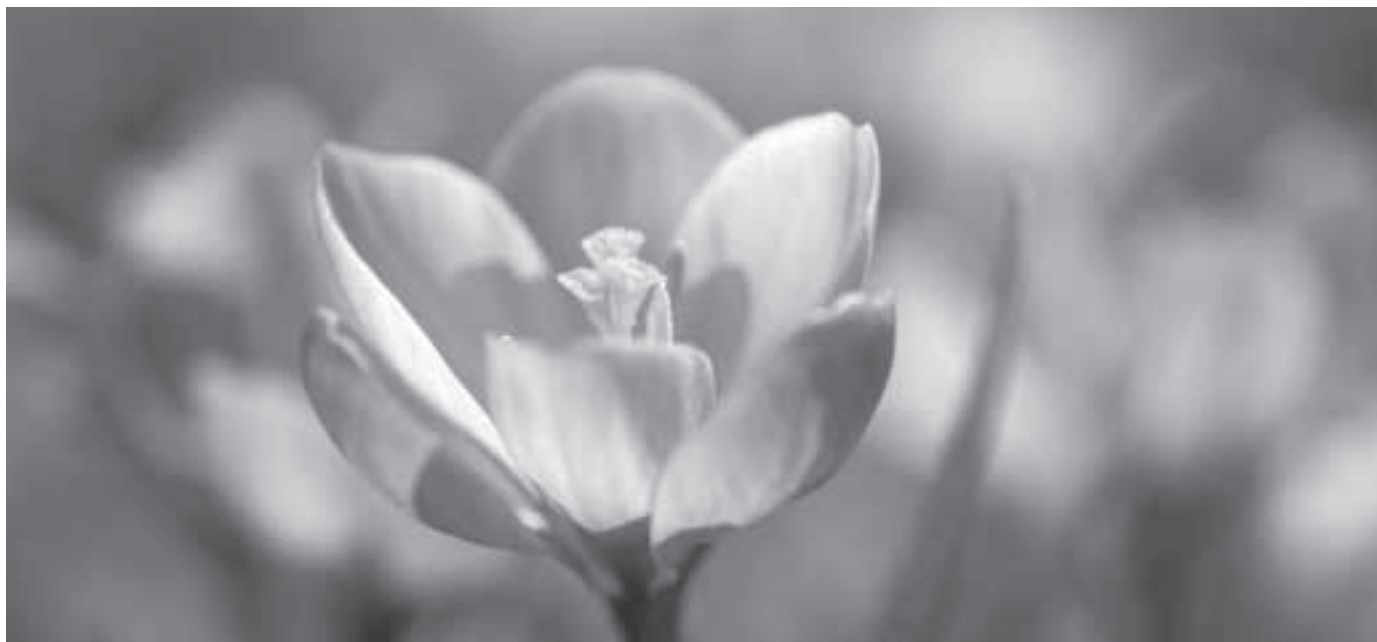
Café Muse is presented by The Village of Friendship Heights and The Word Works, a nonprofit literary organization that has sponsored public programs for over 30 years. The evening is free, but please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 to let us know you are coming.

Tea with Emily Dickinson

Candace Ridington will return to the Village Center on **Friday, April 20, at 2 p.m.** to perform an original one-woman show entitled, "This and My Heart Beside: A Visit with Emily Dickinson." Ms. Ridington is the author of *Rubicon*, a novel about the relationship between Emily Dickinson's brother and Mabel Todd, who was responsible for getting Dickinson's poetry published after her death. Candace Ridington was last at the Center in November 2005 to perform an original monologue on Livy Twain.

Join us for this fascinating performance, which combines poetry with reflections on Dickinson's life. Afterwards, please stay for tea. Call the Center at 301-656-2797 to reserve a seat.





Join Us at Brighton Gardens of Friendship Heights for a Spring Dance

Thursday, April 26 • 6:30pm-8:00pm

Come celebrate the warmer temperatures and fragrant blossoms of spring at the Brighton Gardens of Friendship Heights Spring Dance. Enjoy live music, light hors d'oeuvres and dancing. Tour our community, meet our staff and residents, and see what we do to make our community a place seniors can call home.

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tour focusing on the area's role in World War II. We'll visit the Cape May lighthouse, view the remains of the SS Atlantis (a concrete ship that sank offshore in 1926), and the gun emplacements that were part of New Jersey's World War II-era coastal defense system.

We'll depart from Cape May in the late afternoon and will stop en route home for dinner on your own. We should return to Friendship Heights around 8 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$348 per person, double occupancy, and includes transportation, one night's deluxe accommodations, breakfast, lunches, tour, admission to the Emlen Physick House, step-on guide services for the World War II tour, and all taxes and gratuities. The single supplement is \$68. A deposit of \$150 is required when signing up.

The balance is due May 1. Please make your menu selections when you sign up.

Feel free to ask at the desk about information on trip insurance.

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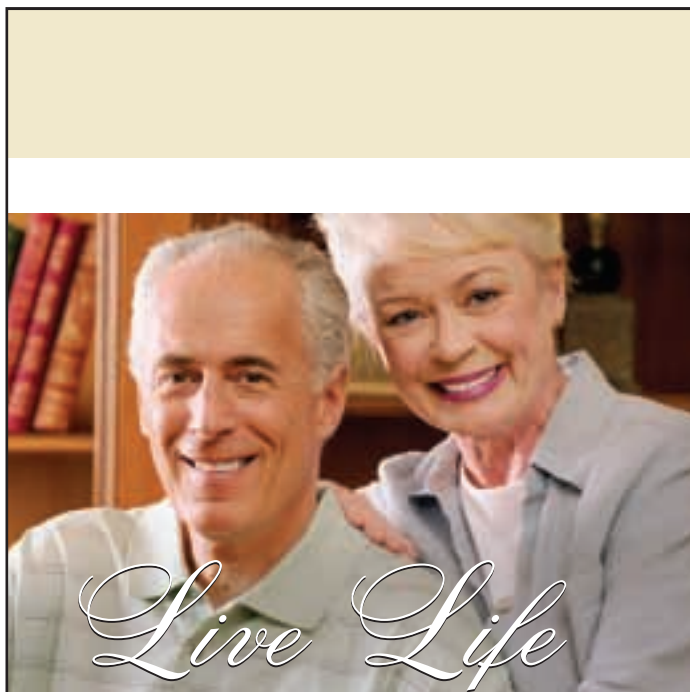
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Last call for NSO

Join us for an open rehearsal of the National Symphony Orchestra in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall on **Thursday, April 19.**

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We will leave the Village Center at 9 a.m. and return before 1 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$25.

Classes and Clubs, Cont. from p. 9

college students. The group is currently organizing events such as monthly Happy Hours, barbecues, and special evenings at local restaurants. For more information, check FHUN's website at www.fhun.net. This group is not affiliated with the Friendship Heights Village Council.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Book lovers participate in lively presentations and discussions of works, usually taken from the Great Books series. Leadership is rotated among group members. Meets Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Jean

McNelis at 301-656-6695.

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

Free assistance offered by the Maryland Cooperative Extension's Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program. Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Call 301-590-2819 for an appointment; walk-ins are welcome.

MOVIES

All are invited to enjoy a movie and popcorn most Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. at the Village Center. There is no cost. Movie titles listed on the "Big Screen" page.

SCRABBLE

This active group of Scrabble players meets at the Center Thursdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

TEA TIME

Village residents and their guests are invited to tea every Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. Hot beverages, cookies and fruit are served by Village volunteers. There is no cost.

VILLAGE PLAY TIME

Children of all ages are welcome to be together at the Village Center most Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Games, toys and play equipment will be set out in the auditorium for their enjoyment. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver, friend or family member over age 13.

WALKING CLUB

Leaves the Center every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. for a walk through a nearby neighborhood. Contact Helen Davis, 301-718-6340, or Marjorie Yahraes, 240-497-0050 for more information.

YIDDISH

Meets Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. to speak and read in Yiddish. Contact Maurice Singer at 202-362-0883 for details.



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Tax assistance continues this month

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The IRS-AARP-Montgomery County tax program will be held every Friday from **9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.** This service is available to anyone who has uncomplicated returns. An appointment is required; no walk-ins will be accepted. Please call 301-468-4179 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays to schedule an appointment.

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Village Council Corner

Council Approves FY 2008 Budget

At the March 12 public session, the Council unanimously approved the FY 2008 Budget, keeping the tax rate at 4 cents per \$100 assessed property value, the lowest tax rate allowed under our charter. We are pleased to be able to project a surplus while fully funding Village services and maintaining the 20% tax cut enacted last year (property taxes have been reduced by 60% in the last eight years!). The budget is summarized below:

TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,941,000
EXPENDITURES	
General Government	999,300
Public Safety	122,000
Public Works	449,000
Health/Education/Social	25,000
Recreation and Parks	276,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPEND.	\$1,871,300
Budgeted Surplus	69,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,941,000

As our Treasurer, Al Morris, said in the Annual Report:

"The Village's strong reserves enable us to keep our operation on an even keel without the ups and downs we constantly read about at the Federal and State and even County levels. That is the way we intend to keep it."



Other Council actions at the March 12 meeting:

- Held final public hearing on FY 2008 budget.
- Heard report from Chief Ned Sherburne about why the B-CC Rescue Squad closed its facility at 4602 North Park Avenue.
- Approved proposal from Culler Irrigation for fountain maintenance and irrigation system maintenance contract.
- Appointed Norton Baron, Roger Berliner (Chief Judge), Sue Byrnes, Marion Ladwig and Kurt Liva as Village Council election judges.



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